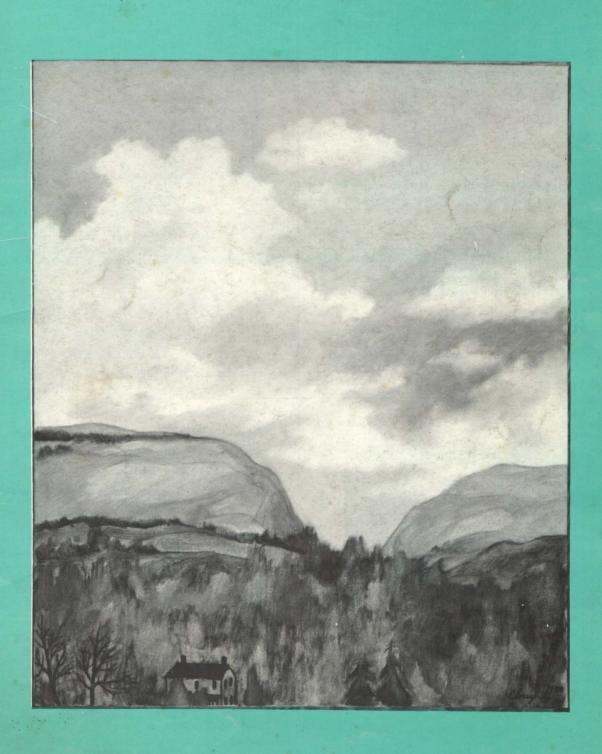
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Courtesy of the Bucks County Historical-Tourist Commission.

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1-30 WASHINGTON CROSSING — Narration and Famous Painting, "Washington Crossing the Delaware", Daily 9 to 5, at ½ hour intervals. Memorial Building.

1-30 WASHINGTON CROSSING —
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1-30 FALLSINGTON — Burges-Lippincott House, 18th Century Architecture. Open Wed. thru Sun., incl. Hols., 1 to 5 p.m. Adults 50 cents, students 25 cents, children under 12 free if accompanied by an adult.

1-30 BRISTOL — The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Museum, 610 Radcliffe St., Victorian Decor. Tues., Thurs. and Sat. 1 to 3 p.m. Also by appointment.

1-30 PINEVILLE — Wilmar Lapidary Art Museum.
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1-30 DOYLESTOWN — Mercer Museum, Pine & Ashland Sts. Sun. to 5 p.m., Tues. thru Sat. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Closed Mon. Library of the Society — Tues. thru Fri. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Closed Wed. 1 to 2 p.m. Adults \$1.00, children under 12, 50 cents. Groups by appointment — special rates available.

1-30 DOYLESTOWN — Moravian Pottery and Tile Works, Swamp Road (Route 313) north of Court St., Sun. Noon to 5 and Tues. thru Sat. 10-5. Adults \$1.00, children 25 cents, Group rates.

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# RADCLIFFE STREET BRISTOL, PA.

by Dr. Julius Sobel

Radcliffe Street in Bristol is a living and breathing momento of our Colonial and Victorian past. It takes root, as Mill Street, the business thoroughfare, ends and makes a ninety degree turn to parallel the river. Radcliffe then follows the river through the town. Thirst must always have been a habit of Bristolians and visitors, for over 169 years ago, three taverns graced the start of the street; this has not diminished for there are three there now. They were known as the George the Third Hotel; the Cross Keyes and the Silbert House. The site of the first hotel, is now occupied by the Delaware House, erected in 1765, still serving a hungry and dry public. The site of the Cross Keyes Hotel, is now a realty office; though in previous years it was a stop for Joseph Bonaparte, ex-king of Spain. The Silbert House, previously the Temperance Hotel, is a printing shop.



Silbert House



Site of Cross Keyes Hotel

History is reluctant to stop there; for then as now, Radcliffe Street began with taverns and ended with one at the other end of town. In those days, at the river's edge stood the Yellow Tavern, at the beginning of what was then known as Bloomsdale Ferry Lane — now Green Lane. It was here that the ferry deposited Aaron Burr, in 1804, fleeing west from New Jersey, after that unfortunate duel with Alexander Hamilton.

Bristol, previously called Buckingham, located on the Delaware River, derived its corporate existence from the crown of Great Britain; and Radcliffe Street still basks in the aura of a glamorous past. This thoroughfare spells the mixture of old Americana, romance, history and commerce. Standing intact are the refuges of fleeing slaves, with their cupolas and look-out towers to warn of approaching danger. Significantly enough, one is now a convent. With a APRIL, 1970

little imagination, on a quiet evening, perhaps you may even hear some voices.

The past stays with us again, for there is a paddle-wheeled boat on the river. In the summer, bus loads of students and party groups enjoy the scenery from the river side. Broad porches, high roofs, tall columns and stately homes cast the spell of yesteryear. Of course, on pay day, the jockeying of cars before the two banks makes a bit of modern chaos. This could be matched by the merry carriages that rolled down Radcliffe Street, at the height of the Bath Springs popularity.

Few people seem to remember that the paddle-wheeler unloaded large numbers of people at the foot of Mill and Radcliffe Sts. for a gay time at the Bath Springs, located on Bath Road. By 1822, Bath Springs rivaled Saratoga. There were race tracks, gaming houses, and for those seeking therapy, the cholybeate waters (laxative). The waters also relieved the excesses of the night before. There still flourishes on Bath Street, the Keystone Restaurant, in past years known as Townsend's, that claims to have served meals since 1768. Crowding the ghosts of the past, is a gourmet crowd that jams the doors on weekends.



It was General Lafayette, on his way from Morrisville, who rode down Radcliffe Street in a splendid barouche, drawn by six cream-colored horses. He was entertained by the Bessonett family, either on the site of the present Delaware House, or across the street. Foreign ambassadors and diplomats sought home sites on this river street in the early 1780's, to be away from city strife. Easily in view, across the river, is Burlington Island, a favorite spot in the old days for church picnics for they sold "no spirits or liquor." Today, small fast boats race about it, in easy sight of the street.

Trees that have survived are tall and strong; they have to be. There are maples, buttonwoods and oaks spreading their shade like a canopy over some parts of the way. Within clear memory of our time, and before air conditioning became so wide spread, crowds of people, families, teens, and lovers, would stroll leisurely along to absorb the beauty and river coolness. Ritualistically, Sunday was promenade day.



Convent - former slave refuge

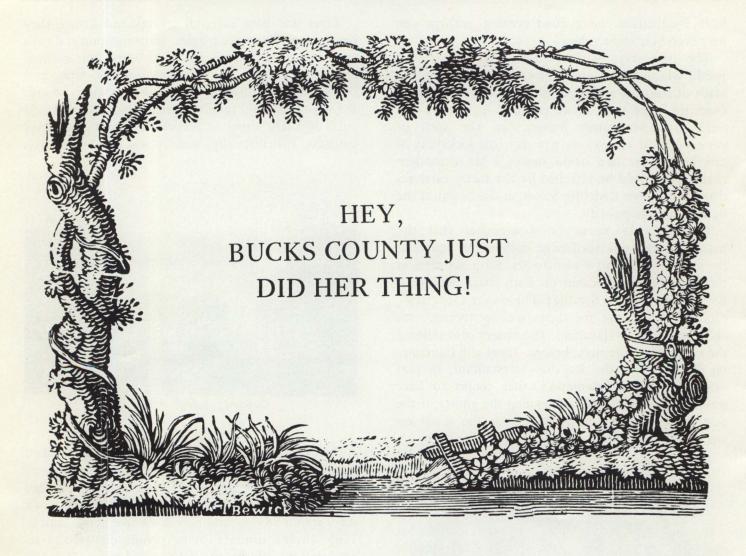
History, like good food or wine, is best taken slowly. One must leave the speedy auto and stroll along to absorb the nuances. The street is replete with houses of the early 1800's; in the nine hundred block there stands an outstandingly attractive house built in 1765. In the summer, many people unaware of its age, stop to admire the foliage and vines. It seems ageless. Progress, being what it is, there stands next to it a strong, tall, brick building now a private club, with a glass of cool suds available to members.



Pro Styled Portico

Front porches, the hallmark of another era, before air-conditioning swept in, are common. Consoles, cornices and corbels are to be found. Porches have

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# by Sheila L. M. Broderick

Did you see it? Did you hear it? Were you there? Well I was there, I saw it and heard it, and I'm so glad I did!

One undeniable bonus about country living and country living in Bucks in particular, is the spectacular show she puts on whenever she does one of her things.

All through those long grey winter months this unusual country corner was busy anticipating, planning.

What, you ask?

She was readying her spring show for us. Something most breathtakingly lush, new and beautiful.

Bucks County never fails to captivate the watcher,

be it her spring, summer, fall or winter production. Yet of all, it is with spring that she pleases us most. Although it is hard to say just when this county started her spring thing. The calendar gave one date, the groundhog and his shadow another, and with countless little clues Bucks slipped her date in too.

Ever since that one early warm day in mid-January when the chickadees discovered those flies hatching out from under the bark of the fallen maple tree, spring had been moving in. A flower nearby had been waiting for those buzzing flies too, and waiting is the word, since insects are vital to the existence of many early plants.

By the first week of February the Skunk Cabbage, after having forged its way upwards, had now risen

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above ground and started wafting its odor out on the breezes. That odor called flies, beetles and other early risers to wander around within the pollen-ladened center in hopes of hunting up the nonexistent garbage pile. Thus, in the process of strolling back and forth across the heart of the flower, the insects fertilized the curious blossom, and gave her a head start on other spring growth.

Mid-February found the little brown catapillar of Bucks County sleepily called from his grass root sleep, and the first gnats flying in feeble circles until they were caught up in a current of chill air. Then they collapsed and fell into the lingering crystals.

As the days lengthened, red maples started a production of their own, almost topping themselves and their fall spectacular. The handsome red buds gave a welcomed warm flush to the cool, deserted looking country-side.

Then throbbing machinery churned loudly out into the silence of the day, and long dark furrows spooled across the face of the sleep heavy fields.

The skunk, after his winter sleep, heard the churning and decided to call it quits to the restless napping. Roused from his deep, warm home, he poked about for young bugs, or, better yet, a member of the opposite sex. The rabbits too, by the last days of February, were all out eagerly seeking out the new green shoots.

Then came another new sound, as out in the woodlands the woodpeckers hunted sun baked corners full of fat young bugs, their static drumming adding to the many other spring sounds that now shattered the long frozen silence.

Birds of every kind and color were busy now, and the winter call of the chickadee suddenly changed. Instead of the cheep-cheep call, and just being content to hunt insects, he was caught up in the wonder of it all and burst forth with boundless vitality into his high, liquid spring song.

Early May, purple, yellow and white violets sprinkled themselves in gay clumps through the grass, and the pastel Hepatica gypseyed across rocky ledges.

Then there was that other welcomed sound — the hum of the bees. Bushes were filled with the music of the workers as they collected pollen. The queen had been busy at her egg laying since mid-February, and so, with so many new mouths clamoring for food in the nursery, the workers were on the go all day.

Pussywillow, hazel nut and the alders burst forth, making ideal collection grounds for the pollen hunters.

The spring night life of Bucks County now comes into its own. Every bit as meaningful, no doubt, to

the ear of the intended were the calls of courtship that filled the mid-night air; the yip of the proud young fox, the unearthly yowl of Bucks' few remaining bobcats and the thumping of the rabbits. Some corners of this county even heard the wolf-whistle of that bright eyed little bundle of feathers, the Saw-whet owl.

The swallows swooped in again, cutting the sun like miniature jet planes, and fishermen came to line the banks of the water-ways, came to catch winter drowsy trout.

The county was a true artist, dipping her very active paint brush into so many colors. At one time from her box of tricks she flicked brilliant splashes of yellow all along the creeks and streams, as the Spice-bush (the forsythia of the woods) bloomed again. Then the delicate color of the Sugar plum was tossed high along the river, painted to look like pear blossom.

She readily prepared her four different kinds of Azaleas for their show, along with the proud tulip tree and friendly birches.

The rain swollen brooks rushed eagerly down her hillsides, tossing aside the winter debris from its path, gaily pushing into the ponds and lakes of the country towns.

Yet, of all the hundred and one changes she brings about as Bucks Coundy does her Spring Thing — there is a crowning glory. Dogwood!

Pink and white, it catches the traveler's eye at every turn of the highway. To give herself trim for this beautiful robe in which she proudly parades, Bucks has such accessories as: Japanese quince, mock orange, lilac, wisteria, magnolias and many other lovelies. Her shoes were viburnums and the red-berry blossom.

THAT is Bucks County's Spring Thing – and you tell how delighted she has been at giving this show by the kisses of her soft breezes and the chuckle of the streams.

Did you see it? Were you there?

If not, if you missed this breathtaking birth of the seasons, don't feel too bad.

In just a moment now - in fact, listen and you'll hear it starting.

Yes, soon now her proud orchards will burst forth heralding the arrival of the tourists — so too, the song birds will give us a run for our money to the fruit of the blue-blackberry.

Crab apple and hawthorn will dance through the hedges. Barges will let mules sleepily plod along, pulling them up the canal — Yes any moment now, Bucks County will do her Summer Thing!



BYCOT STATION, N. E. P. R. R

# TOM AMBLER RAILROADIN' MAN

by Mary Price Lee

Tom Ambler may not be a Casey Jones — willing to take his "farewell trip to the Promised Land" via the Reno Line, but this gentleman from Ambler is certainly a "railroadin' man." As a director and Treasurer for the New Hope and Ivyland Railroad, Mr. Ambler counts himself among the many steam railroad "buffs." And one can't blame him for his devotion to these storybook trains that chug their way through some of the prettiest countryside in Bucks County.

Passengers taking this New Hope to Ivyland Route wouldn't agree with the old saying that "the end justifies the means." The destination is relatively unimportant on this unique ride — it is the bright, puffing train with its towers of swirling smoke and the green patchwork of the countryside that lure visitors.

But Mr. Ambler, teacher, sailor, and a bit of a philosopher, stresses the importance of the New Hope and Ivyland as a working railroad. Although it may pull crowds of gaily dressed children with as much verve as "the little engine that could," it has its work to do. Although it may transport business groups on weekend outings, it is a freight line operating under Interstate Commerce Commission sanction. The indomitable "Iron Horse," runs freight loads three times a week.

The New Hope and Ivyland neatly combines work and play in what is called a "mixed train." This, in railroad parlance, is a combined passenger and freight train. It runs every Saturday morning on what is described by Tom Ambler as a loose schedule. It starts when the freight is loaded, sidelining its passengers on a siding when the cargo must be unloaded.

But to most people within the Bucks County perimeter, the New Hope and Ivyland is a cookie-cutter train discovering a fairytale countryside. Leaving New Hope Station, the hulking black engine with its brightly painted cars presents an interesting bas-relief to the gently tinted scenery in the distance. The train slowly puffs its way to Lahaska station (flag stop) and on to Buckingham Valley.

Its more recent history is as colorful as its early days. On the trestle bridge spanning the canal and elsewhere on the line, "Perils of Pauline" was filmed. Here, for a brief time, one could witness antics far more bizarre than those glimpsed on a tourist summer Saturday in New Hope. (Fortunately, no Pearl White has been tied to the tracks in recent years.)

The Ambler family plays as great a part in Pennsylvania history as those intrepid trains that spanned a century. Thomas Sayre Ambler, member of APRIL, 1970

an illustrious Quaker family, traces his ancestors deep into the heart of Bucks County. Amblers establish Quaker Meetings, stage large family reunions, produce heroines. (The town of Ambler was renamed after Mary Ambler who nursed the injured of the 1856 train disaster.)

Amblers also marry Byes, thus rendering them an indisputable part of Bucks County. The Byes of Buckingham, artists, writers, teachers, have long added their innumerable talents to the ever-burgeoning New Hope area art colony.

Their family name punctuates the local landscape along with their paintings and writing. Bycroft Road intersects Route 202 at Buckingham Friends Meeting. Bycot Station is now defunct but its delectable Victorian railroad station was once a stop on the New Hope-Ivyland route.

Tom Ambler's interest in things historical is no surprise, then. The extensive Ambler geneology bears some slight resemblance to the spider-webbed criss-crossing lines of the early Pennsylvania steam train routes.

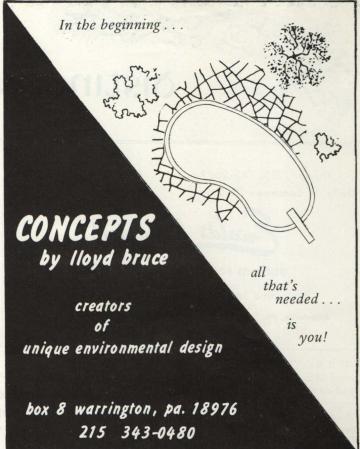
Some boys run off to join the circus — Mr. Ambler was bitten by the "rail" bug. Why? Perhaps because his father was a contractor involved in railroad grading and filling. Perhaps because as a youth Tom lived near Wayne Junction, a major transfer point for trains east and west. ("One day the engineer let me ride in his cab right into the Reading Terminal," Tom Ambler recalls fondly.)

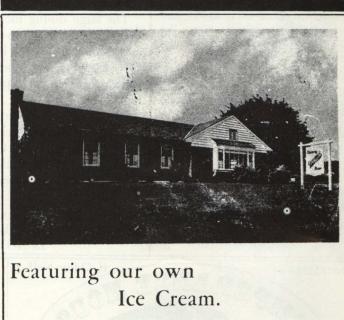
Whatever the reason for his allegiance to



Tom Ambler

railroading, the fact remains that it has permeated his life. In his Revolutionary era home in Ambler, (continued on page 20)





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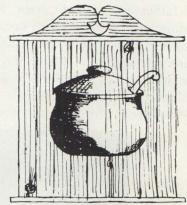
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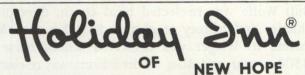
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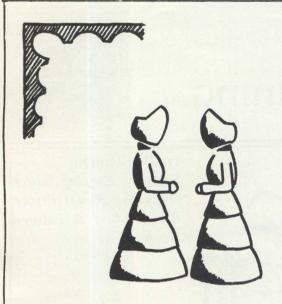
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### **THE YEAR 1928**

WORTH MORE: Values change in a period of 42 years. At the April 1928 meeting of the Doylestown School Board, Dr. Carmon Ross (one of the most competent educators in Pennsylvania at that time) was re-elected supervising principal of Doylestown High at a salary of 4400 a year! Miss Elizabeth Lamb was re-elected principal at \$2000 a year. William E. (Bill) Wolfe was re-elected head coach, director of athletics and history teacher at \$2500 a year. Miss Thelma B. Winger was re-elected school nurse at \$1500 a year and Miss Mildred Fretz was re-elected office clerk at \$90 a month. Eight teacher vacancies existed at that meeting. Wonder how many vacancies would exist today at the salary rate paid in 1928!

REAL ESTATE: Bucks County realtor Wynne James advertised in local papers a 10-room house with all conveniences, for rent at \$50 a month; a 6-room house with garage at \$20 a month; a 6-room house in New Britain at \$15 a month and a "centrally located garage in Doylestown" for \$5 a month.

GENTLEMAN BANDITS: "Don't holler, Dad, and we will not hurt you," said one of five bandits who pressed a revolver against the face of Jonas Harr, night watchman at the Richland Silk Throwing plant in upper Bucks County in the early morning of April 9. The bandit got away with raw silk valued at

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\$10,000. Before parting, the spokesman said to Harr, "We are sorry we have to do this but we must do something to make a living."

TESTIMONIAL: School heads, opposition coaches, and sports writers paid tribute to the great 1928 Doylestown High basketball team at a testimonial dinner held in the Doylestown High gymnasium. The dinner was prepared and served by Miss Dewees and her domestic science gals. "A meal fit for a King" wrote Sports Editor ART DOPE. Jean Blair was head waitress, assisted by Doris Dieterich, Eleanor Hodgings, Alice Moyer, Mary Hellyer, Olive High, Mary Shelly, "Koe" Sayre, Anna Cope, Ellen Rutherford, Emma Trauger, Dorothy Bodley, Susie Hoffman, Dorothy Hoffman, Dorothy Histand, Ruth Kelly and Charlotte McLaughlin. This RAMBLER secured Gordon Mackay, sports editor of the Philadelphia Record as the guest speaker. Honored guests included the Doylestown High team and the Pennsylvania state shampions from Hazleton High. Members of the Doylestown team awarded letters were Captain Cy Hoffman, Gerald Hennessy, Jay Richar, Ed Slaughter, Phil Waddington, Tom Beans, Ally Rufe, Manager Ed Garner and Newton Wismer, treasurer of the Athletic Association. Dr. Carmon Ross was toastmaster and congratulations were extended to the teams by Hiram H. Keller, Kiwanis president; Nick Power, Rotary president; and Art Dope, for the press.

WEDDING BELLS: A wedding of interest took place in Salem Reformed Church (Doylestown) when Miss Mary Shore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alexander B. Shore became the bride of Harry Blair of Hatboro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph D. Blair of Point Pleasant, the Rev. Charles F. Freeman officiating.

EASTER EGG HUNT: Over 1,000 kiddies took part in the annual Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Doylestown, on the lawn of the home of the Isaac J. Vanartsdalens on Lincoln Avenue. Three-thousand eggs were "hidden" on the spacious grounds and prizes awarded to the winners in different classes according to ages. Under six group winners were Peggy Griffiths, Martha Landis, Dick Bryan and Billy Satterthwaite. Over six group winners were Jessie Davis, May Werner, Jack McClintock and Joe Kloepher.

MISCELLANY: Justice of the Peace W. Carlisle Hobensack had a busy April 11 morning when he (continued on page 23)

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by Sheila Martin

April is named for Aprilis, Latin for "to open". That is true for April is the gentle month when the leaves appear, the grass gets green, and we have won again — we have lasted through the winter.

Washington's Birthday saw the highest attendance on a single day since the Memorial Building at Washington Crossing State Park was opened in 1959. 5,000 visitors saw the new painting of "Washington Crossing the Delaware" by Robert B. Williams, presented to the Park in memory of L. John Hutton by his wife, Ann Hawkes Hutton.

A war memorial honoring men from the Feasterville area who have died in military service will be erected in front of the township building at 1500 Desire Avenue in Feasterville.

I just got the most wonderful thing for my kitchen last week — wall to wall carpeting. It's specially made for kitchens and I bought it at Barb-Lin's at 640 Main St. in Doylestown. They have all sorts of carpets there — you have a hard time making up your mind. But we got a beautiful one and it's so easy to keep clean — and no more scrubbing and waxing.

The long awaited "History of Bucks County" written by Doylestown's own Terry McNealy and published by the Bucks County Historical Tourist Commission is now available. It makes for fascinating reading and I heartily recommend it to one and all. It's good to know about the brave and resourceful people who lived in Bucks County from earliest times. The book can be purchased at the Library Bookshop at Centre Ave. and Court St. in Newtown.



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Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Brass of Richboro, formerly of Holland, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Feb. 12.

A pre-Fair event (the Fair, of course, is the Doylestown Village Fair) will be the "Steins and Skimmers" to be held May 2 at the American Legion Hall. Music will be by the Newports and old time movies will be presented.

Holbert's Garages, Inc. in Warrington, Pa. now have two locations to serve all your motoring needs and two new names.

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Mrs. Robert Rapp of Ottsville was recently elected president of the Landmark Women's Club; Mrs. Donald Drenner of Ferndale is the new vice-president.

The first effort of the newly formed Bucks County Opera Association will be the sponsoring of a benefit performance of Ambroise Tomas' opera "Mignon" on

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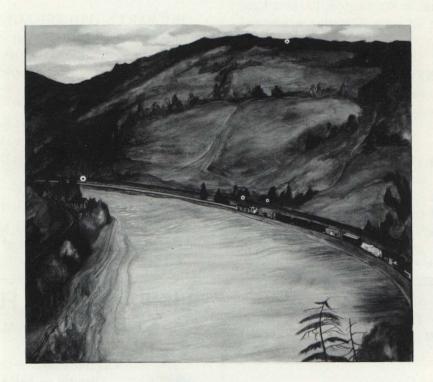
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# Roger Clough at the Delaware Water Sap

by Bette Goldstein



Late last September, Philadelphia artist Roger Clough went to the Delaware Water Gap to do the preliminary sketches for the paintings on these pages.

Hundreds of years ago, as the Delaware River was pushing its way toward the ocean, it formed a deep narrow gorge through the Kittatiny Mountains. It cut through solid rock. Today the steep, rocky walls rise 1,400 feet on each side. On the New Jersey side is Mount Tammany and on the Pennsylvania side, Mount Minsi.

Roger draws from nature, but does the finished paintings in his studio to allow more room for his imagination and organization of the composition. He also simplifies the colors to convey his feelings about the land rather than produce a photographic rendering of the land as it is.

For the last two years Roger has wanted to go to the Delaware Water Gap to work because as he says, "The landscape around that area where the two mountains come sharply together creates an ideal place for landscape painting and the scenery on the upper part of the Delaware is more rugged and wild than the southern part where it is more commercialized."

The painting showing the two birds in flight is the only painting not done at the Gap. The drawing for it was done at Upper Black Eddy which is farther south.

The view of the Gap on the cover was done from a distance of about ten miles. The painting which shows Arrow Island was done from the observation point marked by the Park Service on the Pennsylvania side looking toward New Jersey.

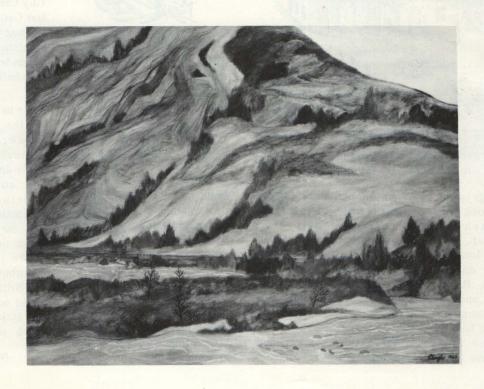
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Roger most often paints landscapes because "I feel much closer to the earth than the average person. There's something about the outdoors that excites me. I feel accepted by nature for what I am."

These paintings will be on exhitibion at the William Penn Memorial Museum in Harrisburg in the fall.

It's nice to know that there is still enough nature left to contemplate and someone who cares enough to paint it and preserve for us the sense of nature.



# **BOOKS IN REVIEW**

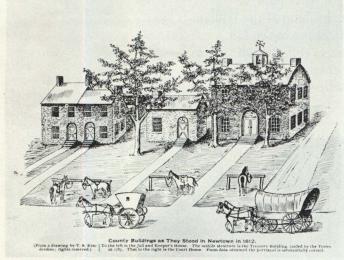
A HISTORY OF BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA PART I by Terry A. McNealy. Bucks County Historical-Tourist Commission, Fallsington, Pa. 1970. 154 pp. \$1.95.

This is definitely a book worth reading, whether one lives in Bucks County or not. Written with accuracy and clarity, the book tells of the rich history of a county sometimes better known for its artists, writers, and beautiful scenery.

Davis' history is better known for its picturesque stories than its facts.

This new history has appeal for all — the student learning about his county, the historian who will appreciate the comprehensive accounts of Bucks County history, the new resident eager to learn about his new home, and the old-time resident who will enjoy reading about the familiar places.

This first of two parts



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Mr. McNealy brings to the writing of the book the scholarship such an undertaking demands, but more than that, the love for Bucks County that only a native son possesses. It has been 65 years since another Bucks Countian, General W. W. H. Davis, wrote a history of the county and local historians will agree that

covers the county's history from the first settlers through the Revolutionary War. Included are the life of William Penn, the founding of the townships, the early churches, the Indians, early industries, and the life style of the early Bucks Countians.

The style is clear and interesting. Mr. McNealy has

broken his narrative with fascinating quotations from old letters, court records, etc. thus giving us a glimpse of the charming word usage and sometimes eccentric spelling of early times.

The reader of A History of Bucks County, Pennsylvania - Part 1 can have only one reaction. When is part 2 going to be published?

THE COUNTRY GARDEN, by Josephine Nuese, Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. 1970. 256 pp. \$7.95.

Mrs. Nuese writes a garden column for the Journal, published weekly in the delightful small town of Lakeville in northwestern Connecticut where she lives. In this book she is sharing her professional knowledge and love of beauty with all people who own small or medium-sized properties in "real" country.



Unlike the usual lengthy, dull, garden encyclopedia this book is entertaining reading, well-illustrated and full of delightful possibilities for your garden and mine, with consideration for limited budget and time. Here at last is advice as to the easiest way to achieve greater beauty at all seasons. For the new gardener particularly, the explanations and easy directions are invaluable. When describing a planting the author is careful to indicate the variety she recommends and why, and gives the commercial source. This book will surely prove a treasured addition to a gardening library.

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S OPPONENTS, edited by George Athan Billias, William Morrow & Co., Inc., New York, 1969, 362 pp. \$7.50.

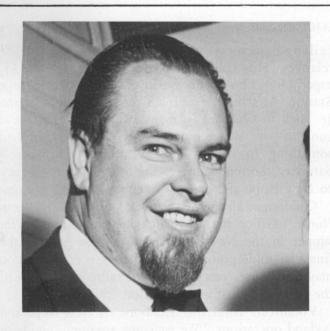
Who lost the war?

Was it William Howe? Was it John Burgoyne? Was it Charles Cornwallis? Professor Billias brings together expert opinion and commentary on the unsuccessful British leadership in America's War for Independence. Generals Thomas Gage, Sir William Howe, Sir Henry Clinton, Sir Guy Carleton, John Burgoyne, and Charles Lord Cornwallis all come under the magnifying glass along with the lesser known, but equally important, naval leaders Admirals Richard Lord Howe, Sir Samuel Hood, Sir George Rodney and the relatively minor actors Arbuthnot, Gambier, and Graves. How could the finest officers of the greatest military power on earth lose a war to a rabble of underfed, underequipped, underdressed. untrained, and unorganized colonials? Of this eminent cast of characters only three; Guy Carleton, Samuel Hood, and George Rodney, survived the war with any professional reputation: the failures of the others left Great Britain with only half an empire.

We have all read and heard of the major blunders of Howe, Burgoyne, and Cornwallis. Reading of the major and minor mistakes of the complete command structure is much more elucidating. One searches in vain for a villain but none stands out; each of the stars made his own unique contributions to the debacle of British arms. The real villain was not a person, but the system. The system in which military commissions

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# WILLIAM WARDEN

A very busy man is William B. Warden of Solebury. In addition to his duties as chairman of the Solebury Township Board of Supervisors, and his position as a director of the Academy of Vocal Arts and sdcretary-treasurer of the Associated Opera Companies of America, he is also vice president of the Philadelphia Lyric Opera Company.

Mr. Warden is a painter and is interested in the arts in general. He was born in London of American parents and is married to the former Franca Catelani of Florence, Italy. They have six children.

But it is true, as the saying goes, if you want a job done well, ask a busy man to do it. Which is exactly what the Bucks County Commissioners did when they were looking for the right man to be the Director of the newly formed Bucks County Arts Program.

Bucks County has long been a recognized center of the arts in the United States and the home of many leaders in the field of the fine arts, the stage and the theater, television and movies, and the field of music and communications. The quaint village of New Hope needs little introduction to the patron of the arts, the tourist or to the curious from the Delaware Valley and the eastern part of Pennsylvania and the close-in areas of metropolitan New York and New Jersey.

Yet the great contribution of Bucks County to the cultural richness of Delaware Valley and the United States has not received the recognition or the prominence that it rightly and justly deserves.

The same is true of the many art and culture groups throughout Bucks County, and the patrons and members of these groups who devote their time and their talent and their effort and their energy to

enriching the life of their community and their county at the local and regional grassroot levels.

It was the intention of the Bucks County Commissioners to remedy this situation. In announcing the appointment of William B. Warden, Commissioner Charles M. Meredith III said that the County will serve as an "umbrella" for all the arts. The County itself, he stressed, will not be in capital programming, the production of plays or other ventures that require direct financing. However, under Mr. Warden's supervision and direction, it will serve as a coordinating and consultation agency for groups that are involved in such areas and as a source where professional help is available to help make the merits of the art and culture projects widely known.

The first effort of Mr. Warden, approved by the Bucks County Commissioners, is a series of concerts offered free of charge to the Bucks County community and the entire Delaware Valley Area. The only charge will be \$1.00 for cars and \$5.00 for buses, regardless of the number of persons in the car or bus.

The Concerts will be held on the spacious and beautiful grounds of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa on Ironhill and Ferry Roads, 3 miles west of Doylestown, Pennsylvania.

The distinguished Very Rev. Michael M. Zembrzuski, O.S.P., L.L.D., founder director of the Shrine and a patron of the arts and culture has graciously consented to the use of the grounds, paved parking areas, comfort and eating facilities as well as exhibit hall for art exhibits to the Bucks County Commissioners and Mr. William Warden. The grounds

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railroad pictures vie with portraits of Quaker relatives. His children, David, 13, Jonathon, 15, eagerly join him on his weekend jaunts to New Hope Station. At school - he is a Science teacher at Unami Jr. High in Chalfont - many of his students are as gung-ho over steam trains as he. (Naturally, he had something to do with the enthusiasm!) Many a Saturday morning some of the heartier ones journey to New Hope and help clean and polish the engines.

Children of all ages never tire of a ride on the "Iron Horse." Office parties (which may include a buffet supper in the New Hope Station) also bolster the financial underpinnings. And here's something you may not know: you can ride the railroad any time of the year - not just in peak season.

Volunteers form the backbone of New Hope and Ivyland operations. "We welcome anyone – and have a job for everyone," Tom Ambler comments. "Come and help us scrape and sand engines, run freight or collect tickets." (The latter chore is one you work into through seniority, however.) Tom makes it clear that only qualified volunteers may run the locomotives. Enthusiastic amateurs are not invited to preside over the throttle! (Volunteers may call the railroad at 215-862-5206.)

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Passengers on the New Hope and Ivyland may take home some train lore along with the cinders. Gift shops at Lahaska, The Brakeman's Lantern, and New Hope Station stock everything from copies of Ranulph Bye watercolors to train key chains. Capably APRIL, 1970

run by Mary Guthrie, wife of the railroad manager, the shop offers among other things a delectable steam train curtain pull of stained glass.

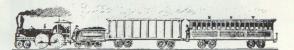
Such an unorthodox form of entertainment as a steam train is bound to provide some interesting tales. Recently, the railroad had the honor of holding a wedding aboard! Martha Bennett, daughter of George Bennett, a director and volunteer conductor, was married to Robert Duke in grand style in May of 1969 on the New Hope and Ivyland. As witnesses to the happy event, guests peered down the center aisle at the beaming couple. And unlike Casey Jones' wife, Mrs. Duke doesn't have a husband on the Santa Fe line!

Bessie Yerkes, daughter of the railroad's first conductor, has the unique privilege of riding free whenever she wishes. And she's taken advantage of this opportunity on almost every run!

To some, the railroad means a travel spree; to others, a way to get the freight from here to there. Tom Ambler would like to think of it as a "working museum, a museum without walls."

"For instance," Mr. Ambler points out, "the train is great for demonstrating certain principles of physics. And the mail car will teach kids about the postal system. It's a terrific history lesson. Trains like these were responsible for opening up the entire West!"

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We'd also like to affiliate with the K W & V Railroad," he added. The initials aren't familiar? No wonder — they stand for the Keighley and Worth Valley Railroad, an English steam train line. Roger Lunn, a Royal Philharmonic cellist visiting Tom recently, is also an old railroad buff. As a director of the K W & V Line, he's championing an Anglo-American railroad alliance. This would bring the Bucks County train full circle historically. America's first engines were produced in England.

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Delaware House

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supporting columns mounted on pedestals and styolbates; the tops of the columns featuring swirls, angles and decorative work, so common then, and almost unobtainable now. Dormers, towers and cupolas peak out; hexagonal and octagonal additions with sloping roofs, give castle-like vistas. In the dark of the night, or on misty evenings, the lights in the windows glow mysteriously. One distinguished former mansion, has a beautiful, prostyle, hexacolumned portico with a huge brass lamp suspended.

In the quietness of the town, should you hear the roll of a distant drum, it may be to the footsteps of Washington, Franklin, Lafayette, Madison, Tyler or Fillmore, who trod the very same soil. Bristol's most renowned resident in recent years, was the late Senator Joseph R. Grundy, of political fame, who resided at the famous "610" Radcliffe St. Through those beautifully paneled doors have passed virtually a Who's Who of the American industrial and political scene.



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When you step past the sturdy grilled doors of the home, a genii has transported you into a Victorian vista



Grundy Home

of appointments and furnishings, immaculately kept and preserved. The massive sycamore, beds of myrtle, and the sweeping porches, have charm and bewitchment. Historically bent Americans will find this the "pause that refreshes".

Bristol is an old town, and Radcliffe Street is its link to a glory day. For those who cherish history, a visit there will be time well spent. (RUSS cont. from page 13)

fined six piggery owners from Bensalem Township a total of \$160 for violating the state health laws. Arrests made by County Detective Antonio Russo of Bristol, and prosecution by Attorney Hiram H. Keller for the State Department of Health.

William Holbert, for many years a merchant and postmaster at Warrington, died in Abington Memorial Hospital three days after being taken ill with the grippe which developed into serious illness. Mr. Holbert built his store in Warrington in 1844.

Within 20 feet of the spot where his father took his own life on October 28, 1923, the lifeless body of Arthur R. Bethman, 19, of Dublin, was found hanging from a mow ladder in the barn on the family homestead.

The "Best Buy" in Doylestown for new Spring suits with TWO pair of trousers was advertised in a local newspaper by William P. Ely & Son, Clinton and Ashland Sts., Doylestown (now the VFW Home), for \$35, \$25 and \$20, with free alterations.

Fire that started in an overheated brooder stove swept the entire barn on the farm of A. F. Myers on the Easton Pike, Danboro. Five-hundred chickens and 1700 small chicks burned to death. Fire companies from Dublin, Point Pleasant and Doylestown responded to the alarm.

E. L. Flentje, a Philadelphia home expert addressed a Better Home Week program at a dinner meeting of the Kiwanis Club of Doylestown and reported that "In the United States more money is spent for radios than for bath tubs and in England three times as much water is used for bathing per capita than in the United States, and in Rome twice as much water per capita is used than in New York City.

MURDER: Calvin E. James, Doylestown salesman, confessed to the brutal murder of William Harold Dunstan, 32, Doylestown, and to his wife's uncles, Thomas and Joseph Erwin at their farm in Jamison, Bucks County. The 26-year-old James, a bootlegger, confessed to the killings in the Reading Barracks of the State Police after questioning by District Attorney Arthur M. Eastburn. Dunstan's body was riddled with five bullets from James' gun and his body tossed into the Delaware Division of the Lehigh Canal north of Uhlertown, on April 21, 1928 several years after the Erwin brothers' murder, October 20 1925.

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WASHINGTON CROSSING — Children's Nature Walk, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wildflower Preserve Headquarters Building, Bowman's Hill. WASHINGTON CROSSING — Adult Nature

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WRIGHTSTOWN — Bucks County Folksong Society, an evening of Folk Music at Wrightstown Friends Meeting House Recreation

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The first concert will be held on Memorial Day and is described as a Viennese night. An orchestra will play waltzes and polkas and a fireworks display will end the evening's festivities.

The other concerts are planned for July 4 and Sept. 12.

Mr. Warden and the Commissioners have many other exciting features in mind for the near future. These include: A series of awards to recognize the contributions of art and culture group to the Bucks County Community; The Ranolph Bye Award in the Fine Arts, The James Michener Award in Letters, The Helen Hayes Award in the Theater, The Rodgers and Hammerstein Award in Music, and the Walt Whitman Award in Poetry; A Patron of the Arts Award to honor those non-artists who have done the most to encourage and support to arts in Bucks County; A Bucks County Arts Awards Dinner featuring the biggest names in the fields of arts and culture as guests; and a Scholarship Fund as well as Fellowships will be established and Scholarships granted to those worthy of financial help to further their art educations or to finish a book or work of art, etc.

So when it is said that William Warden is a busy man, you can believe it. However, he is doing something he believes in and that makes his work enjoyable. And he is helping Bucks County for which he holds a special place in his affections. Warden's Farm, just outside of Doylestown, which was sold in 1918 to the Burpees was owned by William Warden's father. With roots in Bucks County and a proven competence in and love for the arts, William Warden is the perfect choice for director of the Bucks County Arts Program.

### (CALENDAR cont. from page 24) Room, Route 413. 7 p.m. Free. (If you play an instrument, bring it along) FEASTERVILLE - 19th Annual Spring Concert, Tri-County Band of Feasterville, Director Cecil Oyler, at Poquessing Jr. High School Auditorium. Information: James F. McLean 598 - 3330. HOLICONG - Annual Operatic Concert, 11 Ambroise Tomas' "Mignon", Alicia Maraslian. Benefit Academy of Vocal Arts, at Central Bucks High School East — 8:30 p.m. MORRISVILLE - Pennsbury Manor Spring 11,12 Seminar - Philadelphia Decorative Arts, 1730-1830. Reservations necessary. Call 946 - 0400. (continued on page 26)

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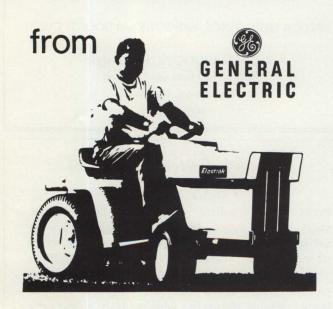
Bucks County's Indians, early settlers, aid to fugitive slaves, cultural development and social customs are the subjects of Arthur Edwin Bye's forthcoming collection of short stories, BUCKS COUNTY TALES, 1685-1931. The tales are marked by an intimate knowledge of the past which the author possessed from long years of study, personal discussions with residents of the early 1800's, and descent from a family whose reminiscences of residence in the County extends back to 1692.

Ready for mid-April sales, the book has been prepared in a limited edition of 999 numbered copies. The text is supported by a series of specially commissioned illustrations. The illustrator, W. E. Erwin, has taught at Moore College of Art and is a descendant of the founder of Erwinna, Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His illustrations are superbly executed, and, like the author's prose, exhibit deep feeling for the years gone by. Dr. Whitfield J. Bell, Jr., a Franklin scholar and librarian of the American Philosophical Society, has prepared the Introduction.

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CHICKEN THIEVES: "Chicken thievery is far too extensive in Bucks County" declared Judge William C. Ryan as he sentenced Mathew Cheves, of Taylorsville, to not less than one or more than two years in the Bucks County Prison after a guilty plea was entered to the theft of 16 chickens from the hennery of Edwin Johnson in Upper Makefield Township. The arrest was made by Corporal Pickering of the Edison sub-station of State Police.

SPELLING CHAMP: John Banko, 8th grade student at Edgewood School, near Yardley, won the 1928 Bucks County spelling championship from Kenneth Yost of Morrisville, a former champion, with more than fifty boys and girls competing.

PARIS IN '28: Mitchel Hodges, son of the late, brilliant Philadelphia North American columnist, Lehigh Mitchell Hodges, spent two weeks in Paris on \$2.00 a day, ate well, slept well and saw some good shows. His expense memo shows a breakfast of fruit, rolls and coffee, 13 cents; a four-course lunch of soup, meat or fish, vegetables, salad, cheese or dessert, bottle of wine or beer, 21 cents; an afternoon in the Louvre Galleries, 8 cents; a four-course evening dinner with wine and then to the FOLLIES, for 48 cents in the first balcony.

TRUE TODAY: From the May 3 1882 edition of the Trenton State Gazette... "Meat hasn't been as high as it is now since the cow jumped over the moon."

DID YOU HEAR ABOUT THE HIPPIE WHO WAS TOO LAZY TO WALK IN HIS SLEEP, SO HE HITCHHIKED?

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WASHINGTON CROSSING — Identification, Spring Flowers, Series A. 10 to 12 noon. Wildflower Preserve Headquarters Building, Bowman's Hill.

15-30 NEW HOPE — "Lenteboden", Living catalog display of early daffodils and tulips, River Rd., Route 32, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

16,17,18 WARMINSTER — Log College Junior High School Music Dept. presents "Finians Rainbow." Tickets from school.

DOYLESTOWN — Fashion Show — Hess's of Allentown — Lenape Jr. High School, Rte. 202 8:15 p.m. Tickets \$2.00, call Mrs. Scarborough 348 - 2357.

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April 11 at 8:30 at Central Bucks High School-East in Holicong. The event will be presented by the Academy of Vocal Arts and the proceeds will go into the scholarship fund. Mrs. Henry D. Paxson of Holicong is chairman of the Opera Association.

A very important date to remember is May 2 — when the Annual Spring Supper Dance sponsored by Treasure Chest of Doylestown, Inc. will be held. This fine group is dedicated to helping the retarded adults of the Doylestown area. The dance will be held at the Warrington Country Club with cocktails at 7 p.m., supper served at 8 and dancing to the music of the marvelous Banjoliers from 9 til 1. For reservations contact Mrs. A. Luther Nash at 348 - 5482 or Mrs. J. Norman Kyle at DI 3 - 1115. The work of Treasure Chest can be supported all year round by shopping at the Treasure Chest Shop at 11 W. Court St. in Doylestown.

Robert Reinhardt of Lahaska is the newly elected president of the Solebury Farmers Club. He serves as public relations director for Bucks County.

Congratulations to two Bucks County residents who recently celebrated their 90th birthdays – Mrs. Harry Mood of Ottsville and Frank Hallman of Sellersville.

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Philharmonic Orchestra with Neshaminy Sr. High School Concert Choir, Chorus and Glee Clubs. 8:00 p.m. Tickets: Box 325, Levittown, Pa., or call 945 - 2661. Auditorium Bucks County Community College. Swamp Rd.

LEVITTOWN — Middletown Township Arts and Culture Commission presents children's art exhibit featuring young talent of the community. Puppet show and illustrated talk on art of puppetry by Dr. Henry Ahrens, head of Trenton State College Art Department Township Bldg., Route 413. Free. 2 p.m.

25 WARMINSTER — Warminster Symphony Orchestra at Log College Jr. High School, Norristown Rd., north of Street Rd., 8:30 p.m. \$1.00 for adults, students 50 cents, at door or call OS 2 - 0837.

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### BICENTENNIAL PLANNING

Two hundred representatives of more than sixty organizations interested in the celebration of America's 200th Birthday in 1976, gathered in the Washington Crossing Inn for a gala dinner, Friday evening, February 27th. The gathering of important officials was headed by Lieutenant Governor Raymond Broderick, who is also Chairman of the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania.

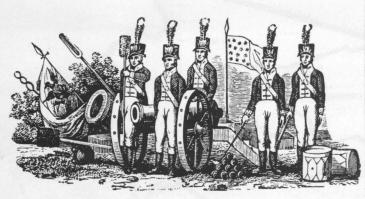
The speaker of the evening was Pennsylvania's Secretary of Forests and Waters, Dr. Maurice K. Goddard.

Dr. Goddard spoke on "History and Conservation for the Bicentennial Celebration." He defined Conservation in its broadest sense, including the appropriate conserving of not only our physical resources, but our historical and patriotic resources as well.

He said that Project 70 which provides for the spending of \$70 million for open spaces and parks could be completed by 1976. He also urged that the state turn over a 7 acre tract in the Independence Mall area to the Federal government. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Frederick Banks who is Chairman of the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee, and a member of the Bicentennial Commission of Pennsylvania. She reported on the goals and achievements of the Bucks County Bicentennial Committee, to date, illustrating her remarks by references to specified achievements such as the very recent publication by the Bucks County Historical Commission of a History of Bucks County, through the time of the American Revolution; the plans for expansion of excellent historical tours already being done by the Historical Tourist Commission; and listing exciting tour suggestions that dramatize new and old means of transportation on the Delaware River, from the John Fitch Steamboat of 1785 to the Hydrofoil which would skim along at great speed to bring Bicentennial visitors into the heart of historic Bucks County. Projected tours ranged from the most eastern point - all beginning at Philadelphia's incomparable historic monument, Independence Hall, through Bucks County's Historic Fallsington, Washington Crossing, Doylestown, to Lehigh Valley, Montgomery, Chester and Delaware Counties; to York, Lancaster, Harrisburg and Pittsburgh.

Other goals for Bucks County would include improvement and enlargement of Washington Crossing Park with a theater built, the activating of the old mill, and an art gallery displaying historic paintings.

Ann Hawkes Hutton, Historian, a member of President Nixon's American Revolution Bicentennial Commission and also Chairman of the Washington Crossing Park Commission, expressed great appreciation for the enthusiasm which was shown by the representation at this most stimulating meeting of state, county and community officials. She stated that the American Revolution Bicentennial Commission had heard the presentations of Boston, Philadelphia, Washington and Miami and was working on recommendations for the choice of site for the celebration of America's 200th Birthday, and the choice would be announced in July of this year.



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were purchased, advancement was obtained through parliamentary or royal favor, high ranking officers were engaged in party politics and sat in parliament, and personal honor and advantage took precedence over duty and loyalty. The system had adequately served the nation during the ritualistic European wars, but, when coupled with a complete lack of understanding of the war at the highest levels of government, could not help but lose a war fought 3,000 miles from home.

The book oozes scholarship, but that should not deter the general reader. Any American seriously interested in his country's fight for independence could read *George Washington's Opponents* with both profit and pleasure. The profit would accrue from a better understanding of the system that started the war and the system that lost the war. The pleasure would be derived from selecting your favorite character from the book to add to your own list of national heroes. After all, without them, the United States of America would be just another Commonwealth nation.



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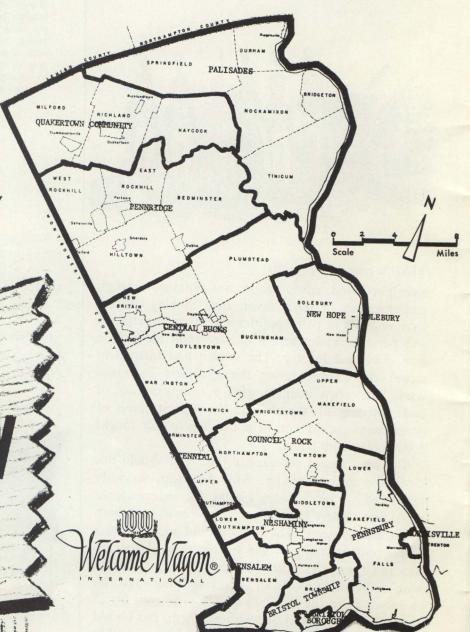




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### HALLMARK CONTEST WINNERS

Winners in the recent Bucks County Federation of Women's Club sponsored Hallmark Art and Sewing Contests at the James-Lorah House, Doylestown are as follows:

In the Hallmark Art Contest, Student Division, First place was awarded to Dorothy Smith of Chalfont, sponsored by the Southampton Junior Women's Club. Second place was a tie between Bonnie Worthington of Doylestown, sponsored by the Buckingham Junior Women's Club, and Brenda Wrigley of Southampton, sponsored by the Southampton Junior Women's Club. There was also a tie for Third place between Patti Cornell of Churchville, sponsored by the Newtown Junior New Century Club and Ruthann Tomlinson of Furlong, sponsored by the Buckingham Junior Women's Club.

In the Adult Member Division First place went to Betty Lehman of Quakertown, from The Women's Club of Quakertown, Second place, Kati Weiss of The Women's Club of Quakertown, and Third place winner was June Nicodemus of Doylestown from the Doylestown Junior Women's Club.



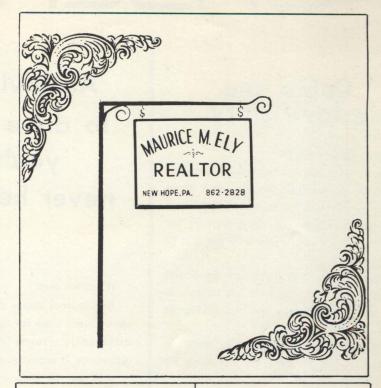
Left to Right, Miss Mary Kieffer, Mrs. Marlene Bohon, Mrs. Paula Meas.

Judging the art were Mrs. Dorothy Yaun, art instructor at the Warminster Y.M.C.A.; Mr. Harry Zoback, Warminster, a sculptor and Mrs. Florence Hafner, Warrington, a well-known artist and president of the Doylestown Art League.

First Place winners went to Paradise, Pa., March 17th, for the Southeastern District judging. Fine Arts chairman arranging the contest was Mrs. Leonard K. Miller of Warminster.

In the Sewing Contest, Student Division, First place was awarded to Mary Ellen Kieffer of Richboro, sponsored by The Northampton Township Woman's Club. In the Junior Club Division Mrs. Marlene Bohon, President of Southampton Junior Women's Club won First place and in the Senior Club Division, Mrs. Paula Meas, from The Woman's Club of Perkasie was awarded top honors.

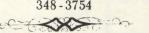
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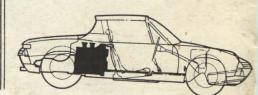
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